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## Happy holidays to the entire Village of Winneconne



great team, led to a huge turnaround in our fiscal management of the general budget.

These improvements allowed the village board to pass a budget amendment during its meeting on Dec. 17 to move \$400,000 from the general budget into the capital projects fund to pay for vehicles and equipment that have been needed for years. These funds are reflective of financial strategies to help reduce borrowing for operational sustainment items, meaning we are paying cash, and not borrowing or adding to the tax levy for these needs.

### Infrastructure Improvements:

The Public Works Department will be sending out letters to residents in the next week whose homes will see road improvements in 2025. Go to the village website to see the 5-year capital improvement plan which identifies each project. Year-over-year we will reassess the needs of the community which may change, requiring us to adjust projections.

### Key milestones and achievements from 2024:

- Completion of the new Reverse Osmosis system
- Completion of North 8th Ave utility reconstruction and overlay
- Lake Winneconne Park phase one completion
- Wolf Run subdivision groundbreaking, new home construction
- Fleet management kickoff, 4 new vehicles (2 public works, 2 police) acquired

- Construction started on the police qualification range and training center
- Completion of the 100,000 sq. ft. expansion of the Switchgear facility

• 15 acres of the Industrial Park has been spoken for with finalization of offers starting in January 2025

• Ribbon cutting for the new Premier Community Bank as well as Alpha Fitness and others

• Winneconne Bridge over the Wolf River lighting project (donated by the Robert Albright Sr. family) will be complete in 2025

• Strategic plan for Marble Park approved (if you are interested in supporting, please contact the Parks

Committee)

- Revision of the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan

• Work started on improvements to security and functionality of the compost site

• Expansion of the Winneconne Library

• Continuing accreditation of the Police Department (anticipate completion spring of 25)

Over the last few weeks, I had the opportunity to host a meeting with key legislators for the State of Wisconsin. State Senators Cabral-Guevara

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### Contributed by Logan Fuller, Village Administrator

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to share some important updates regarding our community as the end-of-year arrives.



Logan Fuller

### Financials:

I am happy to report we expect to finish 2024 within .97% of our forecasted budget. This means process improvements, in conjunction with a

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## WAAC needs support as it readies for major expenditure in 2025 Rafter repairs and new roof needed for old Baptist church

By Becky LaDue

The Winneconne community has perennially stepped up to show its support of our local food pantry – the Winneconne Area Assistance Center (WAAC).

After purchasing the once Baptist Church on South 3rd St. back in 2012 to house its operations, the community rallied to raise the \$50,000 needed to allow the pantry to operate mortgage free and focus its funds on charitable endeavors.

Over the last decade, many physical improvements have been made to the facility which WAAC has financially managed through its building fund – but when the discussion of much-needed roof replacement arose, greater issues and significant expense loomed large.

McMahon Engineering/Architects has come to review the existing roof structure on the building’s construction dating back to the early 1900s. Upon examination, the main wooden roof structure appears to be bowing at midspan of the rafters, showing significant signs of distress. It is recommended as part of the roofing project that repair, replacement or furring out the sheathing at areas where the bowing is occurring is required. This will entail the retention of a structural engineer to perform extensive structural analysis and provide a detailed repair plan, involving selective demolition and field measurements.



A view of the wood trusses in need of replacement at the old Baptist church.

The ultimate recommendation is to demolish and replace the roof structure with new, engineered wood trusses and then complete the new shingling and sheeting on the church.

The WAAC board of directors has received two quotes thus far from roofing contractors for sheeting and shingling, with costs ranging from \$30,000 to \$60,000. Adding the expense of new wood trusses and their replacement costs, the total project could run as high or higher than \$100,000.

“We are hoping to land on the low end of these numbers, but we don’t know what will be discovered when

they start tearing things apart,” said WAAC President Mark Wesenberg. “We don’t have any choice but to tackle this project and our target to begin the work is this spring.”

The WAAC retains a building fund at Fortifi Bank of Winneconne, and donations may be directed there for the project; indicate “WAAC Roof Project” in the memo line. Or you may send donations directly to the organization at P.O. Box 321, Winneconne, 54986. Any individual or organization that donates \$1,000 or more will be prominently featured in the Winneconne News.

“I can’t stress enough the importance of maintaining a food pantry in Winneconne,” said Wesenberg, “for both our local families and the Backpack Program we run with the school district. We need to keep our building open and operational to help people in need.”

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# Wiedemeier named among our state's top business leaders

Winneconne area resident and former Winneconne Area Community Foundation board member Craig Wiedemeier has been named among Wisconsin's top business leaders by the state's BizTimesMedia in its Wisconsin 275 publication, which highlights the 275 most influential executives in different economic sectors throughout the state.

Wiedemeier, President of Werner Electric Supply out of Appleton, joined the company in 2012 as its vice president of operations, was named chief operating officer in 2019 and became president of the company in 2020. Over the years, Werner Electric has grown from its roots as a Neenah-based appliance store and electrical contractor shop into a multi-million-dollar Appleton-based distribution operation. The company provides automation, electrical and data communication products and services to a range of industrial, commercial and construction customers. Werner employs more than 400 people in 13 locations throughout Wisconsin, North Dakota and Upper Michigan.

Wiedemeier was influential in the company's decision to secure a vacant property and build a new 250,000-square-foot regional distribution center and company headquarters in 2016, which tripled its operational capacity. More recently, the company has implemented a smart system for picking inventory from its



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Winneconne Area Community Foundation board member Craig Wiedemeier

warehouse, which has helped expedite order fulfillment.

Earlier in his career, Wiedemeier worked for GE Healthcare and GE Oil & Gas. He has served the boards of the Winneconne Area Community Foundation and New North Inc., earning his bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an MBA from Marquette University.

# Happy Holidays

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(District 19) and Marklein (Joint finance Chair) to discuss constraints, improvements and impacts that communities like ours face. I was accompanied by administrators from Ashwaubenon, Waupaca, City of Omro, Black Wolf, and Algoma. It was a very productive meeting which afforded a better understanding of current state initiatives while we provided perspective to these leaders. I will also be meeting with State Legislative Director Tom Petri of Senator Ron Johnson's staff with the same intent.

Over the past 18 months, since I assumed the role of Village Administrator, I have seen great changes and improvements which leverage our community for a very promising future. These successes are the reflection of a dedicated team of public servants who take accountability and pride in the work they do. Our Village Board

continues to provide support and leadership to take on difficult issues while being steadfast in guiding our community forward—a community made of residents that sincerely care about and take pride in what makes our village so unique and sought after.

We have a lot more work to do. We aren't going to be perfect, however we will continue to find ways to be better today than yesterday, and focus on making our community a leader within the region.

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# Community Players staging romantic comedy at Grand

By Dan Roherty  
Oshkosh Herald

Oshkosh Community Players brings Sean Grennan's "Now and Then" to The Grand Oshkosh stage Jan. 9-11 with first-time director Amy Molinski leading production of the romantic comedy.

First premiering at Peninsula Players Theatre in 2018, "Now and Then" explores the costs of the choices people make and those who help make them. Grennan is a playwright, lyricist, librettist and actor who began writing for the stage on "Phantom of the Country Palace" produced by Marriott Theatre in Chicago in 1995.

Molinski said she and husband Ron, both Oshkosh natives, attended that Door County premiere, which impressed them to the point where she was determined to either act or direct the play with OCP, on which she has served 10 years on its board.

During the pandemic, Grennan wrote a virtual production titled "Couples" that OCP performed online, and before that produced Grennan's "The Tin Woman," a poignant story about organ donation and its human connections.

"There is something about Sean's writings that I personally like, and we get a good audience response – people like his stuff," Molinski said.

The group had a Zoom meeting with Grennan to gain insight into how he created the work and Molinski said she continues to correspond with the playwright as he offers input and help on the production.

The cast, which has been rehearsing at First Congregational Church ahead of the premiere on the nearby Grand stage, includes Michelle Ruzek as Abby, Zach Caldwell as Jamie, Becky LaDue as The Woman and Brian Zim-

merman as The Man. All have worked on other OCP projects either in acting, stage managing, backstage work and set building.

"We had auditions and I've got this absolutely amazing cast and this great crew," she said, adding that OCP likes to get new people on board to join with other veteran members. New to the group are Madeline Molchany as Molinski's assistant manager for the production and Ben Schmidt as stage manager.

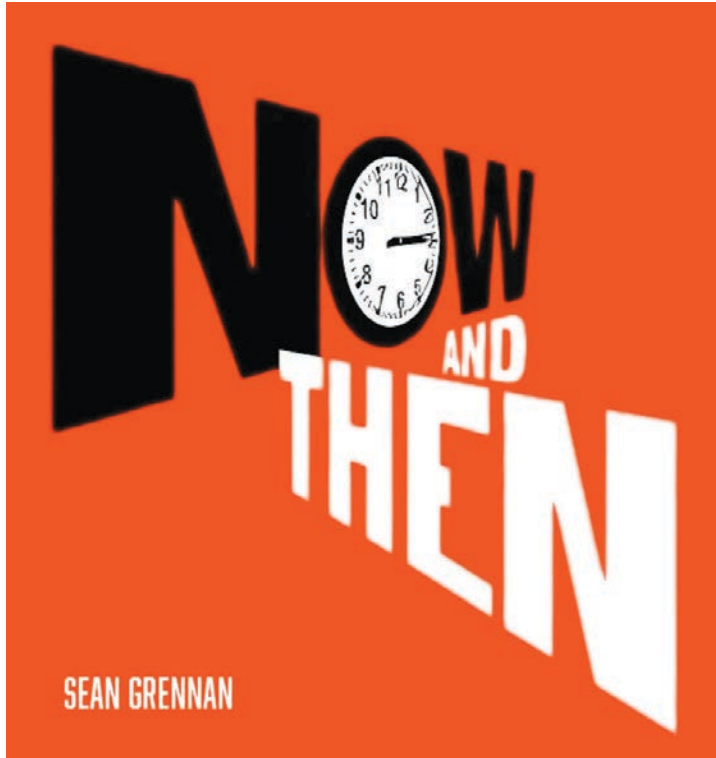
"We are very fortunate to be the in-house theater group associated with The Grand, and feel it is a privilege to be able to perform in this historic and beautiful theater," Molinski said. "Each season with one of our three shows we like to incorporate some sort of fundraising with funds going to a certain organization."

"Now and Then" is set during a night in 1981 when Jamie is closing the bar where he works and a desperate last-minute customer offers him and his girlfriend Abby \$2,000 to sit and have a drink with him. The trio swap stories and Jamie considers the decisions he faces about his musical career and future with his girlfriend.

With Molinski taking on directorial duties that put her behind the stage instead of out front, she credits the group for giving her guidance while being confident with her vision for the production.

"These guys have been through it before and are definitely helping me out," she said.

Performances are set for 7 p.m. Jan. 9 and 10, and 2 and 7 p.m. Jan. 11. Ticket information is at thegrandoskosh.org.



## Registration now open for free WeCOPE class



Start the new year with tools to manage stress and boost your well-being. Registration is now open for a virtually hosted WeCOPE (Connecting with Our Positive Emotions), a free class designed to help you navigate everyday stress with confidence and positivity.

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# Shallow Lakes Chronicles

## Fish Fry Economics Choose Carefully

By Matt Harp, Outdoor Reporter

It's been long said that for many pursuits, fishing included, the means rarely justify the ends. If you boil down a fishing trip into simple math, you'd be better off heading to the Stoneridge Pig and picking up some fish for dinner. Heck, you're ahead dining at Woodey's, the Fin, or Off the Wolf for that matter.

Let me sum up my shopping list for a typical ice day:

Kwik Trip (gotta have a soda /coffee and a breakfast sammy) = \$8

Truck/auger/heater gas (depends on the destination) = \$15

Live bait (wax worms, spikes, minnows) = \$10

The "hot lure" of the day = \$5

Launch/landing fee = \$2 at Noffke's

Fishing license = \$20 (for the season)

We're already into the day for over \$40 and we haven't even caught a fish yet. Cripes, now the pressure is really on. Let's forget the cost of the ice shelter, sled, ATV/UTV, auger, skimmer, jig pole, tip ups, etc. Suddenly, that \$20 per pound at the Pig isn't looking so bad, is it?

The simple math, however, doesn't include unaccountable assets like getting your lungs dusted off from the frosty chill of a Poygan morning, the beauty of a Lake Winneconne sunrise, the workout you get from towing your gear,

or the sound of the booming lake making ice as your creepers dig you halfway across the crunchy, frozen expanse.

The main point I want to make is, given these simple economics, please don't venture out onto uncertain ice conditions. If you aren't in someone else's tracks or 100% sure, don't do it. We are approaching a warm stretch of weather and just because the calendar says late December in Wisconsin, nothing is promised out there.

"Just this week they pulled out a four-wheeler, a UTV, and a snow dog," lamented Tim Noffke from Noffke's Bait and Landing when I stopped in. "The fishing has been good, but no fish is worth it," he added. "The snow is only going to add to the trouble; there are lots of pockets of open water or very thin ice that is going to get covered up." As we spoke, you could see dozens of fishermen walking off his launch on County B west of town.

The conditions are just as poor at other stops that I made throughout the week. Open water in Miller's Bay on Winnebago. Air photos showing a lot of open water on Lady 'Bago. Even some of the typical early ice spots like the bayous off the Wolf River are still open or with sketchy ice. Mill Bayou just north of the old bridge in Fremont is usually littered with fishermen at this time of the year, is eerily quiet. Same for Blue Top and other little access points.

When we start to weigh fishing success with costs, you must also figure the cost of getting soaked, frostbite, or a chilly ride home, and God forbid you drop a machine through the ice. Don Herman, owner of Sunk! Dive and Ice Service, said, "At minimum, you're

looking at about \$1,000 to recover a machine. It depends on a lot of factors, the total cost." This is his 45th year of dive recovery. "Some people are always going to go through, but if you stay informed, check with your local bait shops and fishing clubs, that helps a lot." He suggested following his Facebook page as well, as he gives ice conditions for the Shallow Lakes area.

Of course, the biggest cost of all would be to lose your life, that of someone that you took out, or of a first responder trying to assist you.

Please, please, please, err on the side of caution. There is colder weather com-

ing. In the meantime, have your fish, but have it with an Old Fashioned at one of our great local eateries.

Reach Matt at lakeandpond2@gmail.com



Harp

## Tales From The Land of Retirement

### DO SOMETHING

By Jeanne Lehr

I'm bored. I have nothing to do. Two things my kids would never say around me - I would find them something to do. This was way before noses were stuck in devices. It was easy to control the one and only TV set we had and put them to work.

I am a firm believer that there is always SOMETHING to do. I have a poster I've had hanging for almost thirty years that says: Do Something. Lead, follow, or get out of my way. I love that expression.

If you want to be a leader, lead. If you want to be a follower, follow. If you are going to step up and take charge of the situation, you can bet on naysayers jumping in with comments and suggestions. Who cares? Do SOMETHING.

There are many tasks that you'll know nothing about. There will be successes and failures but at least you tried. Trying something new has a lot of surprising results, too! You may even discover an activity you really enjoy and are pretty darn good at.

Step out of the box you are living in, your cozy little corner of the world, and spread your wings. There are lots and lots of things to do, and most not work related. All your working years you've had bosses and were required to do it their way. You are retired now, and you are your own boss. Hooray! Take a look around and you'll see older workers out there, not because they need the paycheck, but because they like to stay young and busy. Do something.

No matter what your condition is, I promise you there's a place for you. Don't let age call the shots.

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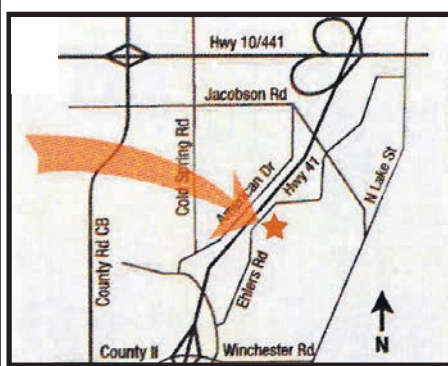
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# Winneconne FFA hits the Heart of Indiana!

Ten Winneconne FFA students attended the 97th National FFA Convention & Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana recently—Addie Gilson, Gabe McDonald, Hailey Domke, Elyse Brehmer, Lindsey Mathison, Landen White, Lizzy Parker, Molly Otto, Alana Eichinger, and Ryan Selwitschka, along with their advisor, Mr. Melby were all in attendance.

Winneconne rode down with the Edgar, Weyauwega-Fremont, Manawa, and Waupaca FFA chapters. On the way down, students enjoyed root beer at Sprecher's Brewery near Milwaukee and the Albanese Candy Factory in Albanese, Indiana.

While at Sprecher's, students dis-

covered how root beer is made and learned about the history of the company. In their gift shop, they could mix and match different flavors of soda to make a personalized variety pack.

Afterward came a visit to the Albanese Candy Factory. With the aroma of sugar and the sweet smell of chocolate, members purchased bags of candy to take with them to the hotel.

Throughout the multiple sessions attended at the convention, members were able to see the achievements of other FFA members from all over the Midwest, and witness many different opportunities offered throughout FFA.

On keynote speaker was Kevin

Wanzer. He encouraged students to be passionate about the things they love in life. Wanzer was also determined to make sure you believed in, and stayed true to yourself. Another notable speaker was Temple Grandin, a professor in Animal Science at Colorado State University. Grandin talked about the importance of uniqueness, and why we need a diversity of people on a team.

While at the National FFA Convention, Winneconne FFA members Nick Williams, Melanie Zillges, and Brooke Zillges earned their American FFA Degree, the highest FFA degree you can earn outside of your state.

Overall, Winneconne FFA mem-

bers had a successful week at the National FFA Convention. Everyone was inspired and learned how to further themselves as a leader for the Winneconne Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted by **Elyse Brehmer, Winneconne FFA Reporter.**




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# Regional health care groups unite on needs assessment

Oshkosh Herald

For the first time, the area's four not-for-profit hospitals – ThedaCare, Advocate Aurora Health, Ascension Health and Children's Wisconsin – are joining with public health departments and nonprofit groups to conduct a more complete Community Health Needs Assessment in the tri-county area, including the well-being survey.

The three-year assessments enable local health care systems and public health departments to learn more about the needs residents are facing and provide a roadmap for health organizations to focus their resources on the greatest needs.

The survey, available in English, Hmong and Spanish, takes about 10 minutes to complete. Anyone 18 or older living in Winnebago, Calumet, Green Lake, Marquette, Menominee, Shawano, Outagamie, Waupaca or Waushara counties is asked to take the survey between now and Jan. 17 at [surveymonkey.com/r/RZDZKSB](http://surveymonkey.com/r/RZDZKSB).

"Well-being is a person's perception of to what extent they are living their best possible life," said Paula Morgen, ThedaCare director of community health improvement. "Are they able to do the things they want to do? Do they feel safe in their community? Do they have the social supports needed for both physical and mental well-being?"

In past surveys mental health, substance abuse, early childhood needs and social needs, such as food insecurity and transportation, came to the

forefront.

"In the past, each of these entities conducted their own surveys and created independent plans. Bringing all the hospitals and agencies in the greater Fox Valley area together to conduct this assessment, evaluate the results and create joint plans is a monumental positive shift for all our communities," Morgen said. "We will be able to do so much more when we are all focused on the same priorities together."

The Community Foundation for the Fox Valley Region, United Way Fox Cities and the U.S. Venture Foundation provided funds to facilitate the

first phase of bringing the organizations together. The assessment process is funded by the health systems and public health departments.



## WELL-BEING SURVEY

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## The Weekly Whisk

To my wonderful readers, Thank you for reading my recipes and trying new dishes. Writing this column has been an amazing adventure, and knowing you've enjoyed it fills my heart with joy. May your holiday season be filled with love, laughter, and recipes that inspire you!

### Recipe for Gratitude

- Ingredients:
- 2 cups of kindness
  - 1 1/2 cups of imagination
  - 1 cup of laughter
  - 3/4 cup of determination
  - 1/2 cup of support from family and friends

- 2 teaspoons of courage
- A pinch of curiosity
- A sprinkle of holiday cheer

### Instructions:

1. Preheat your heart to the warmth of the holiday season.
2. Mix together kindness and imagination in a large bowl until smooth.
3. Stir in laughter and determination.
4. Gently fold in support from family and friends, as this ingredient makes everything better.
5. Add courage and curiosity, which help bring your recipes to life and keep you reaching for the stars.

6. Sprinkle with holiday cheer, because every recipe is better with a little sparkle!

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Served with gratitude to all my readers who have joined me on this journey.

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# Reduce, reuse and recycle waste this holiday season



The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering tips to help families save money, reduce waste and keep recycling and trash workers safe during upcoming holidays.

## What Should Go in Your Recycling Bin

Many items can be recycled anywhere in Wisconsin. These items, which the state bans from landfills, include:

- Cardboard – Flatten boxes before putting them in carts or bins so that recycling equipment can handle them properly
- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Office paper
- Plastic #1 and #2 containers
- Aluminum cans
- Steel (tin) cans
- Glass bottles and jars

Be sure containers are empty of liq-

uids and excess gunk and give them a quick rinse. They don't need to be spotless, but they should be mostly clean. Don't crush or flatten cans or bottles going into a curbside recycling cart or container – this makes it harder for equipment at recycling facilities to recognize and properly sort things like aluminum cans.

Most communities accept junk mail and other mixed paper, such as cereal boxes.

## What Should Not Go in Your Recycling Bin

Some items can cause serious problems at recycling facilities that aren't designed to handle them, including a risk of fire and worker injury. Many of these can be recycled at drop-off sites but should not go in curbside recycling bins or carts. These include:

- **Holiday light strings, cords and other "tangles."** At modern recycling

facilities, these wrap around equipment, meaning a facility must be shut down for workers to cut the material loose. Some retailers, electronics recyclers and communities offer seasonal recycling programs for light strings. If that's not an option, put broken lights in the trash.

- **Plastic bags, plastic film and wrap.** These also get tangled in recycling equipment. In addition, bagged recyclables cause problems because workers can't be sure what's inside, meaning recyclables in bags will likely end up in the trash. If you collect cans, bottles and other recyclables in a bag to reduce mess, empty the bag into your bin or cart and then put the bag in the trash.

- **Batteries and electronics.** Recycling facilities that manage cans, bottles and cardboard and waste facilities that manage household garbage aren't set up to handle batteries and electronics. Rechargeable batteries can cause fires in collection trucks and facilities if they are damaged by equipment, and many electronics contain hazardous materials.

- **Tissue paper.** While not a hazard, the fibers in this type of paper are too short to be recycled and reused again.

- **Photo cards and cards that play music, light up or have glitter or ribbons.** These cards may contain batteries, which are a fire risk, or nonrecyclable material that contaminates other paper.



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# Sports

## Prep Sports Roundup

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Wolves tripped up in pair of road games

Winneconne dropped a pair of non-conference games on the road last week, falling at Mayville on Tuesday, 76-72, after losing to New London, 89-61, on Monday.

The Wolves rallied from an 37-29 halftime deficit against Mayville but couldn't complete the comeback against the Cardinals.

Brody Schaffer led Winneconne with 28 points while Parker Ingles hit five 3-pointers and totaled 22 points in the game. Gage Bartel posted a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Schaffer and Ingles also provided a solid 1-2 punch in the loss to New London, finishing with 24 points and 13 points, respectively. Ryan Quigley chipped in seven points with Noah Bouras and Bartel each adding six.

Winneconne will face Waupaca on Monday in a girls-boys doubleheader at the Oshkosh Arena in its lone game over the holiday break and will return to East Central Conference play on Thursday, Jan. 2 at Berlin.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### State-ranked Wolves remain undefeated

Winneconne hit 14 3-pointers and had three players finish in double figures as it rolled to a 64-42 nonconference win over Weyauwega-Fremont on the road last week.

The Wolves improved to 7-0 with the win and entered the week ranked ninth in Division 3.

Jada Kaiser led the victory, knocking down 7-of-12 3-point attempts and finishing with a season-high 21 points. Brooklyn Messerschmidt added four 3-pointers and totaled 14 points in the game with Grace Mitchell chipping in 12 points, six rebounds and six assists.

Millie Braman led the Winneconne rebounders with eight with Harper Neace adding seven.

The Winneconne girls will travel to face Xavier on Saturday before facing off against Waupaca at the Oshkosh Arena on Dec. 30.

Editors note: Due to early deadlines because of the holiday week, we were unable to provide coverage of Friday's events in this edition.

## Winneconne musicians share the magic of the holidays through song

With a host of holiday concerts performed at the Winneconne Community Arts Center (WCAC), and many student musicians venturing out to bring the joy of Christmas to life through song, it was a busy month of December for WCSD's music department.

The Winneconne High School Band marched in the Celebration of Lights parade on Dec. 14 and pounded out

a rousing version of 'Santa Claus is Coming to Town' to the delight of parade goers. The band will play a special Winter Concert on Jan. 6 in the WCAC and will also kick-off the Wisconsin State Education Convention in Milwaukee on Jan. 22, specially invited to play several selections.

Here are a few shots of students sharing their gifts with the community this Christmastime:



Winneconne News

On Dec. 16, a group of 40 singers from Winneconne high and middle school spread some holiday cheer around the area singing Christmas carols. Mr. Chris Vander Pas and Mrs. Abby Schmidt and their students shared their voices at Winneconne Elementary School, the Omro Care Center, and Highlands at River Crossing apartments in Winneconne.



Winneconne News



Winneconne News

Winneconne Middle School had a number of band and choir concerts this month. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Chris Vander Pas, enjoyed large audiences at the WCAC. The concerts featured a Focus Choir for the middle school only, along with a large, combined middle and high school choir.



Winneconne News


Pictured are band members Dottie Jerabek, Hailley Erickson, and Skye Sarnowski.



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Band members Will Benedict and Tyler LeBouton at the Winneconne parade.

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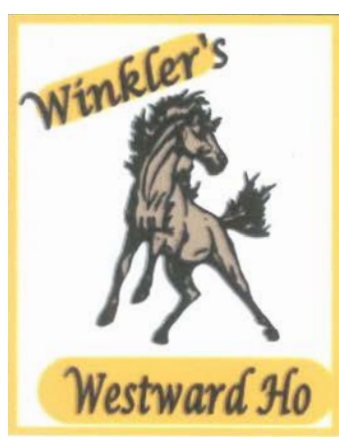
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les and cans. This causes unnecessary downtime, increases program costs, can injure workers and damage equipment.

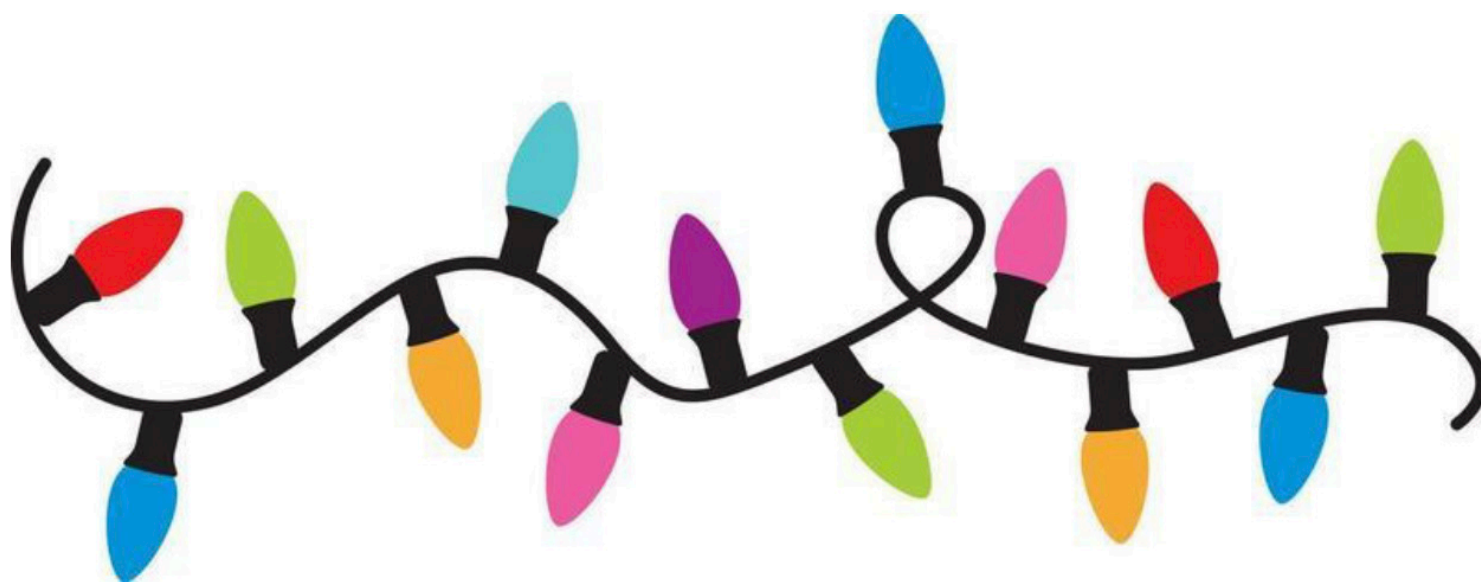
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- Town of Algoma, 15 N. Oakwood Road, Oshkosh
- Town of Black Wolf, 380 E. Black Wolf Ave, Oshkosh
- Village of Fox Crossing Municipal Building, 2000 Municipal Dr, Neenah
- City of Neenah, City Hall - 1st Floor, 211 Walnut St, Neenah
- Town of Neenah, 1600 Breezewood Lane, Neenah
- City of Omro, City Hall, 205 S. Webster Ave, Omro
- Town of Vinland, 6085 County Road T, Oshkosh
- Town of Winchester, 8522 Park Way, Larsen
- Town of Winneconne, 6494 County Road M, Winneconne
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Sat.: 3:30 pm - Confession. 4 pm - Mass.  
Sunday, Dec. 29: 10:30 am - Mass.  
Wed.: Offices Closed, NY Day.

**Immanuel Lutheran Church**  
9077 North Road  
Zittau  
Pastor Tauna Roth  
Sundays: 9 am - Worship.

**Lord of the Lakes (ELCA) Church**  
6090 Harbour South  
Winneconne  
Pastor Kevin Heffernan  
Thurs.: 8:30 am - Bible Study.  
Sunday, Dec.29: 8 & 10 am - Worship.  
Mon.: 5 pm - Narcotics Anonymous.  
Tues.: Offices Closed - NY Eve.  
Wed.: Offices Closed - NY Day.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**  
8 South Fourth Street  
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Pastor Ben Berger  
Pastor Darin Warnecke  
920-582-7772  
Saturday: 4:30 pm - Worship.  
Sunday, Dec. 29: 8 & 10:30 am - Worship.  
Mon.: 6 pm - Contemporary Music Practice.  
Tues.: Offices Closed - NY Eve.  
Wed.: Offices Closed - NY Day.

**Grace Lutheran Church**  
8396 Steeple Hill Drive  
Winchester  
Pastor Mark Laatsch  
Sunday, Dec.29: 9:30 am - Worship.  
10:45 am - Adult Forum.  
Mon.: 9 am & 4 pm - Ruth's Pantry.

**Winneconne Christian Fellowship**  
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**Tues.:** Baked ham, cheesy potatoes, salad, mixed fruit cup.  
**Wed.:** No Meal - Happy New Year!  
**Thurs.:** Not available.  
**Fri.:** Not available.  
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Menus  
**Mon.:** No School.  
**Tues.:** No School.  
**Wed.:** No School.  
**Thurs.:** **ES:** Hot dog, potato wedges, roasted veggies. **MS:** Baked ziti, corn, garlic bread.  
**Fri.:** **ES:** Baked ziti, roll, cauliflower. **MS:** Chicken ranch wrap, assorted snacks.

# Calendar

**Thursday, Dec. 26:** Support local, Winneconne!  
**Friday, Dec. 27:** Girls' Ice Hockey Tournament/Ashwaubenon.  
**Saturday, Dec. 28:** Girls' Ice Hockey Tournament/Ashwaubenon. 9 am - Wrestling Tournament/UW -Oshkosh. 3 pm- Girls Varsity BB @ Xavier.  
**Sunday, Dec. 29:** Worship at the Church of Your Choice.  
**Monday, Dec. 30:** 5:30 pm - Girls Varsity BB, Home/Waupaca. 7 pm - Boys Varsity BB, Home/Waupaca.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve - Village Offices Closed.  
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